

**To:** Sanchez, Yolanda[Sanchez.Yolanda@epa.gov]  
**From:** Pease, Amanda  
**Sent:** Mon 8/17/2015 2:01:48 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine Response || Safety considerations for long drive times

Yes, it's one of the coast guards. He's receptive to our thoughts but didn't offer additional information.

**From:** Sanchez, Yolanda  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 16, 2015 10:20 PM  
**To:** Pease, Amanda  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine Response || Safety considerations for long drive times

Alternatively, you can wait to see if Rob Wise brings it up. Do you know who the Health and Safety lead in Farmington is?

**From:** Sanchez, Yolanda  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 16, 2015 5:52 PM  
**To:** Pease, Amanda  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine Response || Safety considerations for long drive times

I don't know. You should check-in with Brett or at the 8:30 AM meeting, whichever happens first. I would bring it up as "resource need" (i.e., a body to drive or extra hotel room budget).

Yolanda

**From:** Pease, Amanda  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 16, 2015 5:07 PM  
**To:** Sanchez, Yolanda  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine Response || Safety considerations for long drive times

Hi Yolanda,

I had already considered each of the first 2 options. What do we need to do to make these available? Is this something to bring up on the 8:30 calls?

We are getting a request to be in Navajo Mountain. If we were to meet this request, we would need to probably have them sleep in Kayenta overnight.

Best,  
Amanda

**From:** Sanchez, Yolanda  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 16, 2015 10:13 AM  
**To:** Pease, Amanda  
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I spoke to David about three ideas:

- Assign a contractor to drive for the CI team, when the drive time is > 2 hours. This would allow the CI team to rest in the car and mentally prepare for the meeting.
- Ability for the CI team to get an additional hotel room for the night.
- Bring in CICs from other Regions. Kay Morrison (R10) would be a great fit. Region 2 has suggested some CICs.

The safety of your team trumps everything!

Yolanda

**From:** Pease, Amanda  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 16, 2015 9:58 AM  
**To:** Sanchez, Yolanda

**Cc:** Tenley, Clancy; Wise, Robert; Yogi, David  
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Ok great, thanks for that. This is one of the reasons our policy here has been to always have teams of 2 and not split up (i.e. not have people on their own) so that folks can support each other and share driving responsibilities.

Also, depending on where we do outreach and if we are wanting to be in places like Kayenta, Shonto, and Navajo Mountain (and Lake Powell) we might consider having a different team of 2 CICs stationed in Kayenta or with the OSCs in Lake Powell. This, of course, is contingent on the Navajo meeting today.

Any other thoughts or support related to driving dangers is much much much appreciated, as keeping our folks safe is the highest priority.

Best,  
Amanda

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Amanda,

This morning, someone brought up the safety considerations for the CI team regarding long drive times and fatigue. Rob Wise said he would speak to the Farmington Health and Safety Officer today. This has been serious concern in the back of my mind. FYI for now. I didn't want the conversation in Farmington to catch you off guard.

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